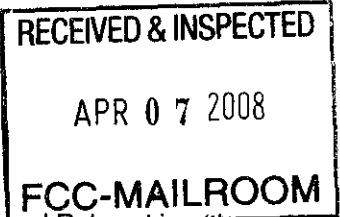


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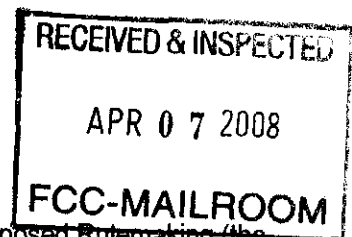
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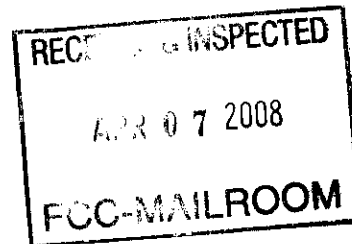
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Attn: Chief, Media Bureau



RE: MB Docket number 04-233

I'm concerned about the changes to the smaller stations that will come about with the passage of docket number 04-233. I understand that this law if enacted, would bring considerable hardships to local stations by increased costs; forced re-location of facilities and forced hiring of someone to watch station airing 24 / 7, even if the station has an automated system that will warn the owner / responsible party if a problem should arise. An example of one small neighborhood radio station that I am very familiar with is WJIB, AM Cambridge, Massachusetts

I've been a listener to WJIB for several years and have appreciated the stations's format and commitment to its community's needs. WJIB has continuously maintained an excellence in musical selections, numerous public services notices, and given on air time to charitable and health organization's announcements in a fair and timely fashion. Adding any more costs to what the expenses are now could force this station off the air or worse, being bought out by large conglomerates who are more in tune to profit making than serving their community.

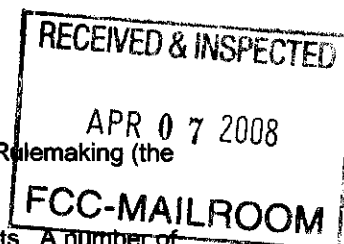
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Again, please give more thought to the changes docket 04-233 will initiate. Small local stations are the one beacon light shining against the overpowering radio waves from larger stations. It is more important to maintain the small station's status quo and defeat Docket number 04-233.

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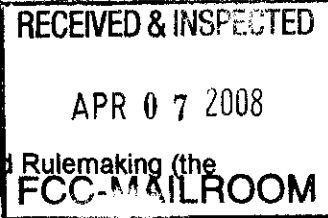
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Please do not make policy changes that would negatively impact Christian radio. I depend on 2 Christian stations for inspiration & companionship.

To: The Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
Concerning: The policies being proposed for radio stations in MB Docket No. 04-233

There are many reasons that we are against the F.C.C. adopting any of the proposed policy changes outlined in MB Docket No. 04-233.

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In addition, the great benefits of our local station and it's affiliates (WLUJ-Springfield, WRLJ-88.3FM Whitehall, and WLWJ-88.1FM Petersburg) will be severely limited, especially if the latter two are forced to close. We are able to listen to those as we drive in central Illinois.

We get all our updated weather, and news from these stations, along with community event announcements, and other items of local importance.

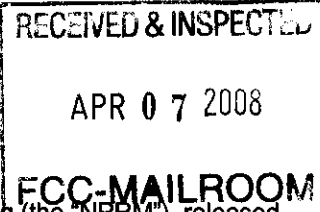
But it is the programming that is the most important to us, and we don't want to lose that. Many times we have faced issues or had problems that we needed encouragement and help with, and WLUJ was there! Whether it was an insightful teaching or comment on one of the regular programs, or exposure to a great book or other resource, we have had a much better quality of life ourselves, and an increased ability to help those less fortunate than ourselves by being made aware of their circumstances. This has only happened by WLUJ being allowed to function and operate just the way it is now.

Because of all of these things, we are asking the F.C.C. not to impose any new policy changes or further restrictions on radio stations. This includes forcing stations to accepting advisory committee members who don't listen to WLUJ or who don't agree with what they broadcast. This would be very counter productive to say the least.

Thank you for considering our opinion in this critical matter.

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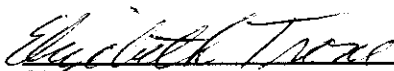
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ATTN: Chief, Media Bureau

We urge you to keep station renewal licensing regulated by civil servants instead of longer, costlier process to FCC-commissioners, because **freedom of speech and of religion must be preserved so that not all stations are required to say the same "politically correct" things.** Restriction of US airways would be as bad as Chinese government silencing Tibet protests. Our USA radio must remain free. While the FCC has made some TV stations required to operate for the community good and balance ideas, radio is not the same. There are many frequencies available that can be used for different genres and purposes, and that freedom to have a particular mission, such as Christian radio, must not be abridged or eliminated. We support BBN radio, being like-minded with them. **Christian radio must not be coerced to becoming something that it is not. Those who disagree with its message should continue to have the right to choose other options on other stations that broadcast a different message.**

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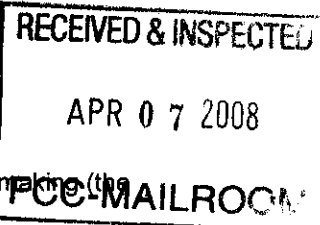
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Attention: Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to request the FCC to keep free speech free and not tamper with Christian and religious programming.

I've just become aware that the FCC is considering rule changes that could force Christian radio stations to either modify their messages or be forced from the air. The latest notice was released 01/24/2008, and it could be of great concern to broadcasters, including Christian broadcasters like VCY America. No station should be forced to have participants on the programming that do not agree with the standard of that station.

I would also ask that stations can be on the air w/o personnel in the office such as when they are run by satellite.

Thank you for reading my letter and considering my requests, especially to keep the free speech on the radio.

Sincerely,

Karen Kaszynski



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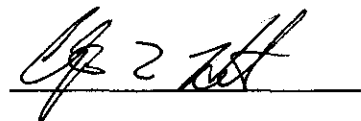
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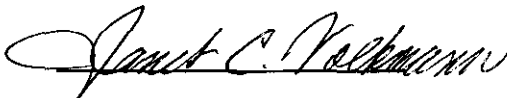
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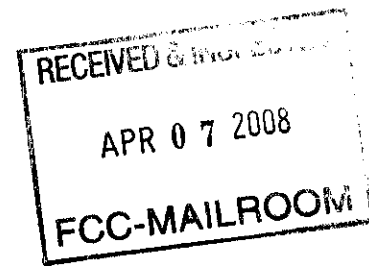
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Commissioner Deborah Tate  
Commissioner Robert McDowell



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Re: *In the Matter of Broadcast Localism* (MB Docket No. 03-233)  
Report on Broadcast Localism and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Cops, Adelstein, Tate, and McDowell:

I noted with great interest that the FCC recently issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on broadcast localism. From what I understand, this proceeding is intended to "ensure that broadcasters are appropriately addressing the needs of their local communities." I am writing to tell you that, in my view, KABC-TV already serves our community in any number of ways that makes any additional federal regulation unnecessary.

As the past President of the Los Angeles Urban League I am happy to share my knowledge and experience working with KABC-TV. During my tenure at the Urban League, KABC-TV was a consistent and committed partner and supporter of the Urban League's mission. Over the years KABC-TV provided financial support for the annual Whitney Young Awards Dinner, provided the top news talent to serve as Master of Ceremonies, and provided news coverage. Their financial contributions helped sustain our organization and our work in the committee.

In addition KABC-TV worked with the Urban League to produce and air two television specials recognizing the work of the Urban League and its legacy to the City of Los Angeles. Not only did KABC-TV help with production and dedication air time to the specials, they gave the air time to the Urban League to sell the commercial spots. All the proceeds from the sales went directly to support the Los Angeles Urban League.

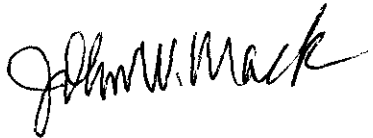
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Chairman Kevin Martin and members of the  
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As a civil rights activist I am particularly impressed with the station's commitment to diversity. Their news teams, news coverage and programming reflects with diversity of the city and all of its citizens.

It is because of my first-hand experience with such a long-standing partnership that I am curious as to why FCC deems it necessary to issue additional regulations. In my view, our community already is well-served by KABC-TV and not national regulation could create the kind of great local partnership that we already enjoy.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Mack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

John W. Mack

Cc Michelle Carey  
Rick Chessen  
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*Please keep our  
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# Save Christian Radio

**RESULT:** Now, it is possible to serve several missions from one location. But under this proposal, many co-location arrangements would be forced to end – raising daily operating costs and imposing immediate expenses related to moving, construction of other facilities and overseeing forced relocations.

**RESULT:** When coupled with the rapidly rising costs of broadcasting, including multiplying electricity expenses, extended staffing requirements and forced relocations will leave some Christian Broadcasters with little choice: either cut back or give up.

The First Amendment protects the free exercise of religion. The government must not be allowed to impose rules that violate it. Christian Radio needs your support now to keep its message of salvation strong on the nation's airwaves. It's not just a Christian thing – everyone's fundamental constitutional rights are at stake.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

The FCC is taking comments on these proposals. You can add your comments to the record. The FCC can only make rule changes based on evidence – and the evidence you submit can make a difference!

**By Mail:** Send a letter, specifying what the FCC must not do and why. Make sure you place the docket number on top of the letter to be sure it is delivered to the correct office:

**MB Docket No. 04-233, Comments in Response to Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.**

Mail your comments, so they arrive by April 14, 2008 to

Using the US Postal Service:

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**By Internet:** Visit <http://www.savechristianradio.com> for easy step-by-step comment submission assistance.

You can also write to your Senators and Congressman. Tell them that freedom of religion and freedom of speech are threatened. Describe the problematic FCC proposals and the harm they will cause, if they are adopted. For help locating your Senators and Congressman – visit <http://www.savechristianradio.com>.